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TAGS: PPDC, TD, US

SUBJECT: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CLARKE

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT CLARKE:

"DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

"THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL AND HEARTENING MESSAGE OF  
GOOD WISHES AS I ASSUME MY NEW RESPONSIBILITIES AS PRESI-  
DENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

"YOU HAVE MY ASSURANCE THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE  
IN ITS COMMITMENT TO WORLD PEACE AND THE STRENGTHENING OF  
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.

"I WANT TO STRENGTHEN THE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE  
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PEOPLE OF YOUR COUNTRY AND OURS.

"SINCERELY,  
JIMMY CARTER"

2. FYI, FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT  
CLARKE:

"ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AND ON MY OWN BEHALF I EXTEND HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ON YOUR INAUGURATION AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. PLEASE ACCEPT BEST WISHES FOR YOUR PERSONAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING AND A SUCCESSFUL TERM OF OFFICE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO MAINTAINING AND STRENGTHENING DURING YOUR PRESIDENCY THE BONDS OF MUTUAL RESPECT, PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, OPPOSITION TO APARTHEID AND ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, AND RESPECT FOR THE SOVEREIGN INDEPENDENCE OF ALL NATIONS WHICH UNITE OUR COUNTRIES AND OUR PEOPLES.

"ELLIS CLARKE, PRESIDENT" END TEXT.

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT INTEND TO RELEASE THIS EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES BUT HAS NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT WISHES TO DO SO.  
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